

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The above noted amendment to the claim 52 have been made so that the scope and language of the claims is more precise and clear in defining what the Applicant considers to be his invention. Specifically, claim 52 has been amended to make clear that the oil contaminated solids are a solid material coated with the fluids disclosed in the application.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced by the proposed amendment to claim 52. Support for the above amendment to claim 52 can be found in the original specification as filed in the following locations:

Amendment to Claim:	Disclosure in Specification Supporting Amendment:
52	Claim 1 of the specification and the disclosure are a whole.

The claims and amended claims are submitted as being clearly distinct and patentable over the art of record and therefore Applicant respectfully requests their entry and allowance by the Examiner.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 11836.0703.NPUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.



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